Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How is the investigation to be completed without any provision?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—The investigation is provided for in 1103, and the balance is provided in 1104. That is for the staff, not for the carrying out of the scheme.

Kurumali Bund.

15. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total amount spent on the Kurumali Bund till now and what they propose to do with the abandoned road;

(b) will they be pleased to get the opinions of an Irrigation expert before coming to any final conclusion in the matter?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.— (a) Rs. 24,731. There is no abandoned road.

(b) The matter is in the hands of the State P. W. D. No other expert opinion is considered necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is stated that there is no abandoned road. Was not the proposal at the beginning to make use of the western portion of this bund as a road from Rappal to Kuttichira?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—Yes. Portion of the bund was meant to be used as a road.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it abandoned now?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is breached in several places. It is not fit to be used as a road.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I remember that to one of my previous questions it was stated that it is an abandoned road.

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—It is breached in more than one place.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what they propose to do with the bund?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—That is under the consideration of the Government.

Amounts spent under sections 16 (8) and 16 (9) of the Council Regulation; the questions and resolutions put in by the members.

16. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(1) the amount of money authorised by the Diwan to be spent as essential to the discharge of the responsibilities of Government under section 16 (8) of the Cochin Legislative Council Regulation since the opening of the Legislative

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Council to the opening of this present Council, viz., from 3rd of April 1925 to the 2nd of July 1928;

(2) the total amount of money authorised to be spent by the Government under section 16 (9) during the period mentioned in the question (1) supra in the various departments;

(3) (i) (a) the total number of questions put by Members;
(b) the number allowed;
(c) the number answered;
(ii) (a) the number of resolutions sent in;
(b) the number allowed;
(c) the number put to ballot;
(d) the number discussed in the Council;
(e) the number carried by the Council; and
(f) the number accepted by the Government during the life-time of the last Council?

Mr. T K. Krishna Menon.—(1) and (2). The Member is referred to the Statements placed on the Council Table by the Finance Member from time to time.

3 (i) (a) and (c) Vide Council Proceedings.
(b) 2,444.
(ii) (a) 313.
(b) 187.
(c) 167.
(d) and (e) Vide Council Proceedings.
(f) Vide copies of the Cochin Government Gazette for the period.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether the totals are given in any of the Statements?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The total for each head will be given there.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am asking for the Statement which gives me the total.

President.—The total of what?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask the question to bring out what was the collective amount and to show what a large figure has been certified or placed under emergency regulation. I am answered to refer to all the previous papers. I am asking for that particular paper which will give me that total amount. I do not ask whether Statements were placed. I ask for the amount of money authorised.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—No particular paper will give the whole total. Each Statement is complete in itself. And, if the total of all the Statements is taken, that will give the grand total.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is what I do not want. How will people, who have not got the Statements, know the total? We ask for information to be placed before the public and before all the Members, and simply asking us to refer to back papers, which do not give the amount, is no answer.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—It is only a simple question of addition, I think.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What? The work of addition! I gave you the work of addition.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—This Council exists for doing more important things.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Which is the Statement you refer me to which will give me the information I ask for?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—All the Statements that were placed on the Council Table.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Where are they?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—They will be in the Council Proceedings.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask only for information. Is this the way to answer? I ask for the total amount. I am asked to refer to some papers and to add and subtract. If Members are simply answered like that, we are not going to take it lying down.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Officers are asked to add and to subtract, which any Member can easily do for himself.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I must bring to your kind notice that this is not the way to answer us. I do not know what it means. If you cannot get on with the present staff, you can take extra staff, and prepare answers, we call for. Can we find all these Statements, Sir? There are in the new Council many Members, who may not have copies in their hands. We are simply groping in the dark, and we are again shoved into thicker darkness by the answer.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—They will be in the Council Proceedings.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I have them. But I contradict the statement. They are not in the Council Proceedings.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—All such Statements as are placed on the Table are published in the Proceedings.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am referred to the Statements published in the Council Proceedings. I have the complete set. Please show me the pages where they are published in the Proceedings?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—For one, I may at once refer the Member to the Council Proceedings of 28th November 1927, page 29.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—What does it give, please?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Finance Member placed a Statement on the Council Table, and that Statement is published on that page.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is it published there? The whole Statement?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Yes. The Statement placed on the Table on that particular day.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Are the Statements of expenditure under 16 (8) published?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is already notice. What is the notice for? Is it to say whether it is published or not?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Page 29 of the Proceedings gives a Statement placed on the Table under 16 (8).

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Certified Statements?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Member has got the Proceedings. The Member will kindly see page 29.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer to my last printed question is 'Vide copies of the Cochin Government Gazettes for the period.' Which are the Gazettes referred to, please?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—All the resolutions accepted by the Government are published in the Gazette.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Which are the Gazettes in which they are published?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Does the Member want me to give him now the dates of all the issues of Gazettes in which the several resolutions passed by the Council and accepted by the Government are published?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Every Gazette does not contain these things. Certainly not. Do you expect the Members to search all the Gazettes? This is an answer not worth printing,—to ask us to go and search all the records of Government.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The Members are supplied with every issue of the Gazette.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask a question, please tell me the number of resolutions accepted by the Government. I am asked to refer to the Gazettes for three years. If you say such and such Gazette contains the information, there is some particular reference. Now this is purposely done to keep us in darkness.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I do not know what purpose would be served by that.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I do not know; but you may know. We are always referred to some paper or other, when we ask

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for information. Give us information; no harm is done. Is this co-operation?

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—What is the use of giving copies of the Gazette to the Members free?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We were not getting copies of the Gazette, when the House was prorogued. We do not know whether there were anything in the Gazettes published during that period.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—If there was any, that information would have been furnished in the answer.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What about the new Members? We were not given.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—In the Council Library, you have all the Gazettes.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—What is the harm in giving us facts and figures? Ever so many resolutions were adjourned, if I remember right. And was there no staff engaged for? This is not the method of answering questions, by saying please refer to the Gazettes. We were not given copies of the Gazettes. Are we given any pay or allowance to find it out?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—On a point of order. All Members cannot ask supplementary questions on one and the same question.

Contribution to the Y. W. C. A.

17. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state how was the amount of Rs. 500 referred to in the Proceedings of the Government Dis. No. 2616/D/ 1099, dated 29th May 1924, utilised by the grantee?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The amount was utilised for the purchase of a site.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is the purchase of the site in the name of Y. W. C. A?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government have no information.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Has the Government looked into the title-deed before this answer was given?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Government did not look into the title-deed.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Then, how did they give the answer?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is on the information received from the person.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Which is that man to whom the grant was given?

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